

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 and 9-17 are currently pending in the application. Claim 1 has been amended. Claims 7-8 are cancelled. Claims 12-17 are withdrawn. Applicants request the Examiner's reconsideration of the pending claims in light of the following remarks.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112 first Paragraph:

Claims 1-6, 9 and 10 were rejected under 35 USC § 112 first paragraph for the reasons set forth on page 2 of the Office Action. Claim 1 has been amended to delete the previous proviso of the specific compound, and added a new proviso based on the disclosed definition of variables. Claims 2-5, 9 and 10 depend from claim 1. Applicants believe the rejection thus no longer applies and request that it be withdrawn.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102 first Paragraph:

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) over Tuntulani et al. for the reasons set forth on page 3 of the Office Action. Claim 1 as amended does not encompass 4,6-pyridinediamine, N,N-bis(4,6-dimethyl-2-pyridinyl)-2-methyl, as disclosed in Tuntulani et. al. Applicants therefore believe the rejection no longer applies and request that it be withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter:

Claim 11 was indicated as allowed as set forth on page 3 of the Office Action. Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing claim 11.

Conclusion:

In light of the preceding remarks, Applicants believe that all claims pending are now in condition for allowance and request a Notice of Allowance be issued timely. If the above remarks are not to the satisfaction of the Examiner, Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned.

If any fees other than those provided herein are due in connection with this response, please charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 16-1445.

Respectfully submitted,

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